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LARRAZOLO SAVES STARR FROM HANGMAN'S NOOSE

Governor Larrazolo Grants Christmas Pardon to Four Convicts and Seven Reformatory Boys

Santa Fe, Dec. 27.—Jose O. Starr, sentenced to hang January 1, at Las Cruces, for the murder of Sheriff Dwight Stephens of Luna county, has escaped the death penalty for the crime of which he was convicted, through the clemency of Governor Larrazolo. The governor today commuted the sentence to life imprisonment. The convicted man told the governor frankly when brought before him today that he fired two shots in the battle between the posse and the fugitives from the Deming jail in which Stephens was shot down. "And I shot to kill," said Starr. He declared that he felt it was either his life or that of the possession and that, wounded in the knee and blinded with pain, he shot into the group of officers. Previous to examining Starr, the governor gave a hearing to his attorneys, H. B. Holt and W. A. Sutherland of Las Cruces.

The chief reason for clemency given is that Starr when brought into the court room on a stretcher to face trial was suffering from a severe case of morphine addiction, and was in no mental condition to be questioned. The governor read an excerpt from the records of the trial showing that Major W. H. M. Llewellyn, who acted as a volunteer counsel for the prisoner, objected to his being permitted to make any statement on account of his mental and physical condition, but that the judge refused to entertain the objection. It was brought out by questioning the prisoner that he was weak physically from loss of blood, sleeplessness, pain from the wound and morphine. He said his condition was not normal.

Starr told the governor today that he could not remember what state he had made at the trial in that condition. Attorney General O. O. Askren, and Assistant Attorney General Harry Bowman both recommended the commutation. Mr. Bowman was in Las Cruces at the time of the trial and was a personal witness of the prisoner's condition at the time. The prisoner comes from a prominent family in Western Texas, but whose name is not Starr. He adopted the name for the purpose of shielding his mother from the disgrace. She does not know today that he is a prisoner in the "death row" in the penitentiary at Santa Fe. And it was reported to be his intention, if he went to the scaffold, that she never should know his fate. For that reason newspapers generally refrained from using the prisoner's correct name.

Christmas Pardons.

Four convicts received Christmas pardons from the governor. The pardons for the convicts are conditional. One Manuel Goyeneche, who was beyond 70 years old, and had been serving his sentence since October, 2, 1916. He was sentenced from Curry county to serve from 20 to 25 years for murder. He was one of the servants at the executive mansion and the governor stated that he had unusual opportunity for observing him. The governor did not believe he was a criminal at heart. The other servants at the mansion who were pardoned were Mitchell Jefferson, sentenced on March 17, 1918, in Otero county to serve 90 to 100 years for second degree murder and John Hernandez, alias Benito Lopez, sentenced on December 1, 1927, in Bernalillo county to serve 30 years for murder. The fourth convict was Thomas Vofan, sentenced on August 14, 1916, in Socorro county for second degree murder. His sentence was 25 to 30 years. The governor said he had been trusted outside the walls, remaining a day or two at a time, while engaged in important work. In granting the pardons, Governor Larrazolo said he acted on the assumption that the supreme court in deciding the Villista case, would hold that his pardoning power was

not restricted. The statute passed by the territorial legislature, requiring recommendation from the penitentiary board, was, in his opinion, invalid and of no effect. The statute was contrary to the organic act, creating the territory, which vested the pardoning power solely in the governor, therefore, he said, it could not have been reenacted by the adoption of the state constitution. He believed the supreme court would take that view.

Clemency For Boys.

The seven boys in the state reformatory at Springer, given pardons, are: Sebastian Ortiz, Luna county; Jose Acosta, Luna county; Comeliano Pena, Luna county; Edie Goane, Grant county; Fidel Lafora, Grant county; Domingo Sienra, Curry county; and Eduardo Sampedro, Grant county.

FIND EXTINCT TRIBES 45-STORY STONE APARTMENT

Baltimore, Dec. 27.—The discovery of a stone "apartment" building 45 stories high and containing 1,000 rooms believed to have been the home of a now extinct tribe of American Indians, will be announced tomorrow at a meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America at Johns Hopkins university.

"The apartment" was uncovered with a group of towns representing an ancient civilization in the midst of the southwestern desert. It was unearthed by the School of American Research conducted at Santa Fe, N. M., by the institute. It will be described by Edgar L. Hewitt, director of the school, at the meeting of the institute held in conjunction with the American Philological association and the Maya society. Several thousand persons may have lived in the newly discovered building, which Mr. Hewitt believes was the center of community life in its district.

STATE OFFICIALS WANT MORE OFFICE ROOM IN CAPITOL

Santa Fe, Dec. 26.—The project for an extension of the New Mexico capitol will be revived at the forthcoming session of the legislature, and state house officials who protested at a continuation of what they call "vest pocket apartment" life will make strong representations to the lawmakers. The plan being advocated is the issuance of \$200,000 in certificates secured by 125,000 acres of public land allotted for capital maintenance and payment of indebtedness by the income from those lands. It is claimed the income is sufficient to pay off the indebtedness in fifteen years, interest and principal.

POISONING COYOTES TO BE WINTER SPORT OF FARMERS

Clayton, Dec. 26.—Owing to the great damage done to poultry and young stock by coyotes, the farmers of Union county will make an effort during the winter to rid themselves of these pests by the use of poison. A large number of communities have already started the work and will have the co-operation of all the stockmen as well as the county agents. A brand new poison, which is said to be tasteless, will be used, this being supplied to the farmers free with instructions for using. This method has been used by the stockmen for sometime and the farmers of the county have decided to join the work and an effort will be made to clear the entire county during the winter.

WASHINGTON "HE-VAmps" HIT BY CONGRESSMAN

Washington, Dec. 27.—Representative Frank Clark of Florida declared war on the "he-va" today when he introduced a bill in the house against "mashins" in the District of Columbia. "Mashins" should be draped about prison cells instead of Washington street corners," declared Mr. Clark. "A year on the rock pile would make the worst he-va want to wear bladders for the rest of his natural life."

Only America Can Keep These Pots Boiling



This smother of an American feeding kitchen is still generating eastern Europe shows what America means to the starving helpless childhood of the war-torn nations. Funds supporting these projects of succor and other agencies for the relief of children stricken by the disease caused by under-nutrition have run out, and that the work may cease, depriving millions of the innocent of their only hope for life, eight great American relief organizations under the name of the European Relief Council are banding together in a joint appeal to the American conscience in their behalf. These agencies are the American Relief Administration, the American Red Cross, the American Friends' Service Committee (Quakers), the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, the Knights of Columbus, the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A.

CHAMPION STEER BULL-DOGGER TAKES PART IN EL PASO CONTEST

El Paso is Planning Big Championship Cowbooy Contest for Four Days—January 12-15.

The bull-dogging event in the Championship Contest of Cowbooy Sports to be held in the Rio Grande Park, El Paso, January 12-15, will contain many thrills and keen competition. Jim Massey of Snyder, Tex., who won the championship of the world on throwing six steers at Ter Austin's World Championship Contest held in Chicago, this year has already entered this event and has shipped his thousand dollar bull-dogging horse which he expects to take him to another victory at this contest. Among his closest competitors will be Slim Gasky of Wichita Falls, Texas, who was a very close second to him for the championship of the world and has won first money in a great many bull-dogging contests in the Southwest. Also Frank McCarroll and Roy Quick of Cheyenne, Wyoming, who have both won money over Massey at previous contests in the last two years, will be here. As this event is decided by time, the time being taken from the time the steers leave the chute until the cowboy risks to him, leaps to his horse, and throws him by hand, some very expert timekeepers will be required for this event, as very frequently the winners are decided by split fraction of a second, and where so many expert contestants are entered the time is liable to be very close.

TWO SMALL BOYS IN TROUBLE

Monday night two small boys of this city were taken into custody by Officers Jack Green and Clarence Rogers for robbing postoffice boxes in the Columbus postoffice. They were taken to Deming the following day and are being held awaiting the sitting of the juvenile court. It is reported that there are some other boys here who have been tampering with postoffice boxes, and it is to be hoped that the arrest of these two will prove a lesson to others.

ESTES HEARING POSTPONED

Santa Fe, Dec. 28.—The hearing of George Estes, who faces disbarment in the United States Court, has been postponed. Judge Colin Nebbett set the hearing for last Wednesday, but granted a postponement when the lawyer sent word that he wanted more time for the purpose of getting depositions.

CHIEF JUSTICE PARKER VICTIM OF ACCIDENT

Santa Fe, Dec. 28.—Frank W. Parker, chief justice of the New Mexico supreme court, is confined to his home suffering from a broken leg sustained when he fell from a step-ladder Sunday afternoon.

The Roswell chamber of commerce held a big meeting this week to close up the business for the past year and elect officers. The past year has been the most successful in its history.

LOCAL COWBOYS PLANNING BIG TIME NEW YEAR'S DAY

Peterson and Tarwater Have Planned Good Program of Sheep and Horse Roping.

Last Saturday afternoon a crowd of onlookers from this vicinity met in Columbus and put on an excellent exhibition of roping much to the pleasure and satisfaction of a large crowd. They staged their performance on the street one block north of the postoffice. Among the boys who were in attendance and took part in the contest were Fay Peterson, Bob Tarwater, Mac Tarwater, Carl Peterson, Rubin Peterson, Louis Jorgensen, Bert Tarwater, Del Peterson, Dan Tarwater and Ramon Pabala.

In the burro roping contest Fay Peterson won first money, roping and tying his burro in 30 1-4 seconds; and Bob Tarwater, second.

In the sheep roping contest we did not learn the winners.

On New Year's morning, New Year's day, there will be another meeting here at the same place and the public is most cordially invited to be present and witness these many sports. Messrs. Tarwater and Peterson have assured the Courier that the cowboys will be here in full force to take part. It is the intention of the promoters of this contest to give a first and second prize in both the sheep and burro roping events. Those who will see some fancy riding among these men as they are among the best in the state.

PARDON OF RAIDERS LEGAL; MEN HELD OF NEW CHARGE

BIG CROWD ATTENDED THE CHRISTMAS BOXING

While the weather last Saturday was not as pleasant as it might have been yet it did not detract from the crowd that attended the boxing contests at the 25th Infantry Arena, and those who attended were not the least bit disappointed for it was the best bout that has ever been pulled off in this city. The Regimental band furnished the music for the occasion and the bag drummer was right on the job when it came to registering the blows. A synopsis of the results follows:

Gorilla Jones knocked out Spend-bell Hayden in nine rounds. The bout was scheduled for 20 rounds.

Battling Brown of the Twenty-fourth Infantry knocked out Cyclone Briggs of El Paso in the fifth round of a scheduled eight round bout.

Duke Cabell of the 25th Infantry Machine Gun company knocked out Redline Bradley in the second round of a scheduled four rounder.

Row of Headquarters company won a decision over White of the Machine Gun company in a four-rounder.

EDWARDS VISITS COLUMBUS

At Edwards of El Paso was in Columbus this week in the interest of the boxes he represents in El Paso. Manager Edwards will confer with Lieut. White, Twenty-fourth matchmaker, as to the possibility of Sunny Jim meeting Hart-Hitting Jimmie Wright or Guilla Jones in Columbus. Fort Worth sports writers once gave Sunny Jim a decision over Guilla Jones. Edwards saw middleweight, Frank Yarchan, will will reach El Paso from Alhambra, Pa. New Year's day, according to Edwards, who proposes in start Yarchan against the best middleweights in the west and southern this winter.

IF CO. WINS REGIMENTAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

If Company of the Twenty-fourth Infantry on Christmas day won the regimental football championship for 1930 by defeating F Company, which came down from Fort Huachuca for the holiday game.

MRS AMBROSIO CALLED TO THE GREAT BEYOND

Mrs. Mary J. Ambrosio, wife of Albert Ambrosio, passed away Wednesday of last week at the family home in Deming, aged 71 years, one month and eight days, having been born in Rochester, N. Y., November 14, 1859. She was a member of the Presbyterian church in Nevada, Mo., and besides her husband is survived by four sons, Robert Earl and Seth D. of Deming, the latter an employee of the Murray & Lane Co., and Albert C. and Charles R. of Fort Worth, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Ambrosio had been married fifty-one years. On September 12th she lost her daughter, the youngest child, Mrs. Dave Lehr of San Antonio, Texas, and never fully recovered from the shock.

Funeral services were held at the home Friday afternoon, Rev. William, pastor of the Presbyterian church, conducting the services. Music for the services was furnished by a quartet of ladies. The floral offerings were many and beautiful. The remains were laid to rest in Mountainview cemetery.

NOT GUILTY

Tom Phelps, charged with setting two gallons of oil to a building for \$25, was tried before Judge Coffey Wednesday afternoon. Attorney A. W. Spratt appeared for the defendant, and after a trial that lasted for about two hours, Phelps was acquitted.

The 8-inch casing has been set in the big water well at Big and water is standing within 200 feet of the top. A pump will soon be installed and a test run made to determine the amount of water in the well.

The Governor's Constitutional Pardoning Power is Absolute; Men Arrested on New Charge.

Santa Fe, Dec. 28.—The governor's constitutional pardoning power under the New Mexico constitution is absolute and cannot be abridged by legislative act; he does not need to have the recommendation of the penitentiary commissioners; he was within his rights in pardoning the 16 Villistas convicted of murder in the Columbus raid, but their re-arrest by Luna county authorities while in prison was also valid, according to the ruling of the Supreme Court announced today in the habeas corpus proceedings brought by the Mexican government, in behalf of the prisoners. Consequently, the pardoned Villistas will remain in the penitentiary for safe keeping pending their removal to Luna county for new trials.

The Supreme Court decision takes a rap at the governor's contention that the Villistas "might" have been entitled to the treatment accorded prisoners of war when it says "they were not entitled to the exemption from criminal prosecutions reserved to members of a nation's military organization."

The court refers to Villis as "a notorious bandit," and to the pardoned men as "members of a marauding band of Mexicans who killed a number of our citizens without conceivable cause or provocation."

"Had the petitioners," says the opinion, written by Chief Justice Frank W. Parker, "been members of the army of any recognized government in Mexico, the episode undoubtedly would have furnished ample ground for war with our neighboring republic."

As to the pardoning power the court says:

"There may be regulations by law of the manner of its exercise, but the ultimate power and right to pardon is granted untrammelled by any conditions other than the conscience and wisdom and sense of public duty of the governor. No other legal or person is to be consulted nor is their approval to be obtained. The decision rests solely with the governor."

CAPPER SHOWS HOW H. C. L. VICTIMIZES CONSUMERS

Washington, Dec. 27.—A load of Oklahoma wheat which netted the growers \$80.50 cost the consumer \$91.35 when it was baked into bread, according to Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas, who today cited several glaring instances of exorbitant profits accruing to millmen as opposed to the producer.

Another Oklahoma farmer, the senator pointed out, sent a green hen to a St. Louis commission house and received \$2.10 for it, but the freight cost \$1.60 and the drayage 50 cents, so the farmer owed the commission house nine cents.

Consumers are paying 25 to 42 cents a pound for steaks cut from cattle which bring the grower six cents a pound, Senator Capper said, and 40 cents a pound for pork chops from hogs for which the growers get nine cents.

Floyd county, Iowa, farmers are burning corn for fuel because a ton of it will not bring the price of a ton of coal. The senator added:

SOCORRO MAN INJURED WHILE PICKING MISTLETOE

Deputy U. S. Surveyor W. E. Harrock met with a serious accident this week when he fell from a tree while gathering mistletoe near Socorro, New Mexico. Mr. Harrock was one of a party who had gone to the woods to gather greens for Christmas decorations, and while up as a tree a limb broke throwing him to the ground ten feet below. He was picked up unconscious and taken to the hospital at Socorro where he is said to be in a serious condition. Although the doctors think he will recover.